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Patent Application of

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Application No.: 09/856,904

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For: AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING A
MATERIAL LAMINATE THAT
COMPRISES A LIQUID PERMEABLE
TOP SHEET AND A LIQUID
PERMEABLE LIQUID TRANSFER
SHEET

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following documents were cited on pages 1, 11, 12, 14, and 32 in the specification of the above-identified application:

U.S. Patent 3,794,034;

SE 9702298-2, which corresponds to WO 98/57677, a copy of the WO reference in enclosed;

EP 391108, which corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,041,496;

Geigy, Scientific Tables, Vol. 2, 8th Ed., 1981, p. 53; and

EP 470392.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding PCT application. The following references were cited:

DE 19512005;

U.S. Patent 5,522,811;

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EP 202126, which corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,657,537, a copy of the U.S. patent is enclosed; and

EP 391108, cited above.

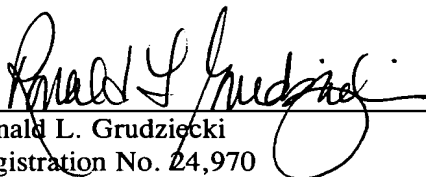
Applicants also wish to bring WO 99/49825 to the Examiner's attention.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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